

MAINE EMS EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

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Date: Wednesday, September 13, 2000, Maine EMS Office, Augusta, Maine
 Members Present: D. Palladino, P. Marcolini (Chairman), L. Worden, S. Shapleigh, J. Caron
 Maine EMS Staff: D. White, B. Montejo
 Guests:
 Absent: J. Brinkman, G. Miller, J. Partridge, B. Davis, C. Boehm, B. Zito, P. Conley, D. Robishaw, B. Demchak, L. Delano, K. Pomelow, P. Plumer
 Timekeeper: D. Palladino
 Meeting opened at: 9:10 AM

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/ACTIONS TAKEN	FUTURE ACTION
Additions to Agenda	There were no additions to the agenda	
Ratification of Minutes	Motion: To accept the July minutes as presented. (Miller/Palladino)	✓ Dwight - Distribute as appropriate
Staff Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Operations Team is continuing work on their project of developing course approval criteria and will be holding a retreat in Lucerne on October 3, 2000 to discuss priorities, project management and work plans for the coming year. ✓ The Board opened discussion on the subject of service sponsorship of individual licenses. The Board will continue the discussion in a facilitated session at its October meeting. 	✓ No action items necessary
I/C Program	<p>Committee members worked with D. White and B. Montejo regarding the I/C certification process. An updated flowchart was distributed which incorporated changes made at the last month's meeting.</p> <p>The Committee reviewed the prerequisite of "3 years practice in emergency or critical care medicine" and revised it to read "3 years experience in emergency or critical care medicine or equivalent (as determined by Maine EMS). The working definition of this prerequisite is that an individual must be actively involved or working in a pre-hospital EMS setting; an emergency department or special care type unit of a hospital, or in an equivalent setting as determined by Maine EMS.</p>	✓ Dwight - Assign time on the September agenda to continue this discussion with Drexell & Bill.

There was extensive discussion about the prerequisite for IC candidates which would require education at the appropriate level consistent with current curriculum. S. Shaple expressed concern about qualified persons who may not fit this prerequisite. According to staff, such exceptions could be dealt with by means of the waiver process.

The Committee then discussed the number of continuing education hours required for recertification. Discussion ensued as to the type and number of CEH hours applicable requirement.

Motion: that applicants for the renewal of a Maine EMS I/C certification complete 24 hours of continuing education within a three year period with no more than 6 of the 24 hours having been gained through instruction of EMS licensure courses and at least 18 hours being accrued through Maine EMS approved professional development courses and/or other instructor certifications (Palladino; Worden - motion carries).

✓ **Dwight** - develop process for approval of instructor ceh and assignment of instructor ceh based upon courses taught within the 3 year certification period.

Consensus of the Committee was to remove the section “Compliance with MEMS Law Rules” and replace the section with a requirement for reporting convictions, violations or other actions taken by the criminal justice system or professional licensing boards.

Motion: that applicants for I/C certification or re-certification be required to report convictions, violations, adjudications and professional licensure actions consistent with the reporting requirements found on EMS provider license applications (Palladino; Plumer - motion carries).

✓ **D. White & B. Montejo** - incorporate motion into rules revision. **D. Corning** to revise other Education Committee documents as applicable.

The requirement for maintaining favorable student evaluations raised concerns by staff unless a standardized evaluation form were used with specific minimum scores established. The standard could not be applied consistently.

Motion: to remove “Maintain favorable student evaluations” as a recertification requirement (Marcolini; Palladino).

The last requirement “Evidence of maintaining training requirements that would lead to licensure at the appropriate level...” was reviewed by the Committee. To maintain consistency in certification and recertification, members opted to replace this section with wording consistent with the initial certification prerequisite.

Motion: to replace “Evidence of maintaining training requirements that would lead to licensure at the appropriate level (may be waived for MD, DO, PA, or RN on a case by case basis by the MEMS Education Committee” with “Maintains education consistent with current curriculum at the level being renewed” (Marcolini; Palladino - motion carries 5-1-0 - Caron opposed)

Staff will incorporate changes and report back at the next meeting.

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One Vision Document No new information to report, time was spent on the I/C Program topic.

✓ No action items necessary

EMT-P NSC No new information to report.

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The meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Next Education Committee Meeting: October 11, 2000 9:00 am - noon